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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s) : Yanagi et al. Group Art Unit: To be assigned

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For : CLONED GENOMES OF INFECTIOUS HEPATITIS C
VIRUSES AND USES THEREOF

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, Applicants respectfully request entry of the following Preliminary Amendment.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

On page 1, line 4, after the recitation of "This application", insert --[is a
divisional of U.S. Serial No. 09/014,416 filed January 27, 1998 which --.

On page 9, line 8 after recitation of "sequence" and prior to the recitation of "of a H77C clone" insert -- (SEQ ID NO:2) --.

On page 9, line 9 after recitation of “amino acid sequence” insert -- (SEQ ID NO:1)--.

On page 9, line 29 after recitation of "Figure 7" insert -- A through 7D --.

On page 10, line 20 after recitation of "HVR1" insert --(SEQ ID NOS:28, 30, 32, 34, 36-38, 41, 43 and 45) --; at line 21 after recitation of "HVR2" insert --(SEQ ID NOS:29, 31, 33, 35, 39, 40, 42, 44 and 46) --.